



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: James E. Sealey II et al. Attorney Docket No: WEYE117898
Application No: 09/975,670 Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: October 10, 2001 Examiner: Marc S. Alvo
Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING A COMPOSITION FOR CONVERSION TO
LYOCELL FIBER FROM AN ALKALINE PULP HAVING LOW
AVERAGE DEGREE OF POLYMERIZATION VALUES

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Seattle, Washington 98101

June 10, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	11	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

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RESPONSE

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1-11 stand rejected. Reconsideration of Claims 1-11 is respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claims 1-11 Under Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-11 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,491,788, assigned to the assignee of the present application. Claims 1-11 of the present application and Claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,491,788 were filed initially in application No. 09/574,538, filed May 18, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,331,354, also assigned to the assignee of the present application. A restriction requirement was communicated by Examiner Gray over the phone to applicants' attorney on or about June 20, 2001. The Examiner made a four-way restriction that included the following groups: Claims 1-18, drawn to a pulp, which were elected, and later issued in the '354 patent; Claims 19-33, drawn to a lyocell

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